MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the affirmative.

(*b*) Mr. C. P. Kochukunju Pillai, Dr. M. N. Pillai and Mr. P. Habeeb Mahomed along with two others, *viz.*, Mahomed Mytheen and Maria Beevi.

Proceedings of the Meeting of the Trivandrum Municipal Council held on 13-6-1927.

144. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the complete proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, held on the 13th June 1927/30th Edavam 1102, *re* the discussion of 'no confidence' motion against the President?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The Government do not propose to call for and lay on the table the complete proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, held on the 13th June 1927. Generally, abstract proceedings of the meetings of the Municipal Councils are published in the *Government Gazette*.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether it is because of the unwillingness on the part of the Government to interfere with the Municipality that this particular information was not called for?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The same question was raised by another member and I have answered it in detail. The President also gave a ruling. The member may refer to it. The same answer holds good.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the President of the Trivandrum Municipality is an official or non-official?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : He is an official.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : May I know whether the Proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council held on 30th June 1927 were published in the *Government Gazette* at least in the form of an abstract?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice. The abstract proceedings of the meetings of the Municipal Council are generally published in the *Government Gazette* and I am not able to say whether the proceedings of the meeting held on 30th June 1927 were published. This matter has got to be ascertained and verified.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): When the Government say that abstract proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council are published in the *Government Gazette*, am I not entitled to put a question whether the *Gazette* contains abstract proceedings of the meeting held on the 30th June 1927?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer given there is a general one.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Am I in any way enlightened by the answer given by the Government member?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If the member is particular to know whether the proceedings of the particular meeting are published in the *Government Gazette*, I shall obtain the information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Apart from that, may I know whether it is the accepted policy of the Government not to interfere with self-governing institutions?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): That has already been answered from the Chair.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): I do not catch what the President said because I was not interested in that question.

MR. T. P RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The President stated it in the open Council.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I get an answer to my question, or am I to take it that no answer is forthcoming and resume my seat?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): When members of the public wish to obtain information from the President of the Municipal Council, they can do so by virtue of the rules under the Municipal Regulation that have been issued for the purpose. That is the spirit of the President's answer. But in this particular case, Government did not wish to interfere with the details of the administration of the Municipality and call for information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether a general taxpayer, who has nothing to do with the Municipal Council, is in a position to interpellate the Municipal Council and get the necessary information?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The taxpayer can move the member of the ward and get information through him.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Even without hanging upon the member concerned, could he get information otherwise?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The general taxpayer can ask for information from the President of the Municipality.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the President of the Municipality is bound to supply information to an ordinary taxpayer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): He may supply the information.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is there any Government order to that effect?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No such order has been issued.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is it only a presumption on the part of the answering member that the President of the Municipal Council may supply the necessary information to the ordinary taxpayer?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): As President of the Municipal Council, he has certain responsibilities and duties to perform. If the taxpayer asks for certain information, he may furnish information.

MR. S. PIRAVIPERUMAL PILLAI (*Commerce and Industry, South*): Sir, I asked for a certain information to the President of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, and he has not supplied.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know definitely whether a no-confidence motion was discussed in a meeting of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, or not.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say more than what is contained in the answer.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): My question was, will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the complete proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, held on the 30th June 1927 *re* discussion of no-confidence motion against the President? Sir, there is nothing in the answer from which I can make out anything regarding the question.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The member will understand it if he reads the proceedings of the meeting.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government wrote to the President, Municipal Council, Trivandrum, and obtained information on this point, after I sent in my interpellation?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Do you want me to answer that question, Sir?

PRESIDENT: You can answer 'yes' or 'no'.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Then may I know how the Government were able to answer in this manner?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): To say "that the Government do not propose to call for and lay on the table the complete proceedings of the meeting of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum," does not require any reference to the President, Municipal Council.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whethe a 'no-confidence' motion was discussed in the Municipal Council, Trivandrum?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Tha was not the member's original question.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, whether the President of the Municipal Council, Trivandrum, by any order or law bound to supply the proceedings of the meeting to the Government?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Yes, under the Municipal Regulation.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know whether the Government have received any proceedings of the discussion of 'no-confidence' motion from the President at the present moment.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I am unable to say that now.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is not the member in a position to say with reference to the files in the Secretariat?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): It may have been received subsequently. I am not able to answer that now.

Brick-masonry work in the new School Building, Nagercoil.

145. **MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the brick-masonry work in the new English school-house at Nagercoil has been completed;

(*b*) when the agreement for such work terminates;

(*c*) whether there was any call for tender to complete the masonry work before the expiration of the agreement period for such work; if so, what is the reason for it and who is the Division Officer concerned;

(*d*) whether any notice was served on the contractor to that effect;

(*e*) whether the work done by the contractor was measured before calling for such fresh tender;

(*f*) whether the above work was, after the acceptance of the tender, allowed to be taken up by the subsequent tenderer; if not, why not; and

(*g*) who is the contractor that now carries on the brick-masonry and how much of the whole masonry work has been done by him?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) By the end of Karkatakam 1102.

(*c*) and (*d*) Yes. As Mr. A. M. Saravanaperumal Pillai, contractor engaged for the work, failed to show proportionate progress in spite of notices issued to him, Mr. S. S. Krishna Aiyangar, the Division Officer, called for fresh tenders with a view to carry out the work through other agency, should the contractor continue to be indifferent.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) The work was not started by other agency, as the original contractor promised to complete the contract before Medam 1102.

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